COUNTY PROFILE

Cook Co.

Cook Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

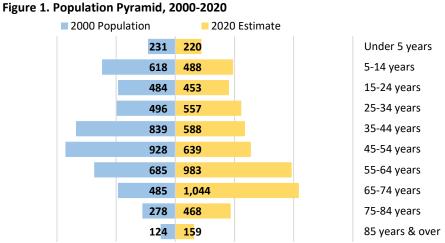
Cook Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 15th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 81st largest in the state. Cook Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	5,600 people
Population change,	
2010-2020	8.2% increase



Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 220 3.9% 5-14 years 488 8.7% 453 8.1% 15-24 years 25-34 years 557 10.0% 35-44 years 588 10.5% 45-54 years 639 11.4% 983 55-64 years 17.6% 18.6% 65-74 years 1,044 75-84 years 468 8.4% 85 years & over 159 2.8% **Total Population** 5,600 100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Cook Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Cook Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

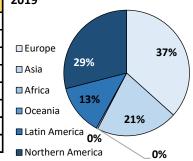
Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration			Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Cook Co.	287	-6	423	429	292	178	114	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Cook Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Cook Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Cook Co.		Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
262	4.9%	173	194.4%	8.5%	28.9%	
96	36.6%	64	200.0%	9.9%	4.5%	
55	21.0%	24	77.4%	37.5%	30.3%	
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0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%	
110	42.0%	84	323.1%	26.6%	10.0%	
34	13.0%	26	325.0%	24.1%	12.2%	
76	29.0%	58	322.2%	2.5%	-7.7%	
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Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019



Cook Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

		Cook Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	5,376	100.0%	4.0%	100.0%	13.1%
White	4,634	86.2%	0.2%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	4	0.1%	-73.3%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	474	8.8%	20.9%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	50	0.9%	163.2%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	78	1.5%	500.0%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	136	2.5%	28.3%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	124	2.3%	217.9%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

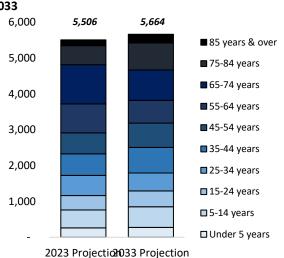
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cook Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table E. Depulation Projections by Age Group 2022 2022

86.2%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033 2033 Numeric 2023 Percent Cook Co. **Projection Projection** Change Change Under 5 years 261 276 15 5.7% 574 5-14 years 501 73 14.6% 15-24 years 401 442 41 10.2% 500 563 25-34 years -63 -11.2% 35-44 years 602 112 18.6% 714 45-54 years 585 677 92 15.7% 55-64 years 808 634 -174 -21.5% 65-74 years 1,093 850 -243 -22.2% 75-84 years 530 756 226 42.6% 85 years & over 162 241 79 48.8% **Total Population** 5,506 5,664 158 2.9%

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Cook Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Cook Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a higher percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

95.7%

- 26% 4% 25% 11% 22%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

■ Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

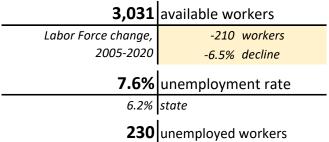
College-educated: 70.9% state: 67.1%

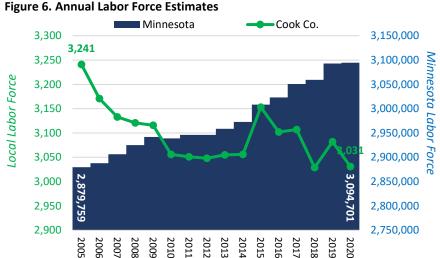
Associate's Degree: 10.8%
Bachelor's Degree: 26.1%
Advanced Degree: 12.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 7.6%, Cook Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Cook Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 4.5% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.2% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cook Co. increased over the past year, and is up compared to 2010.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 87.9 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Cook Co. averaged an annual loss of -8.3 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -2.5 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Cook Co. is expected to add workers from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

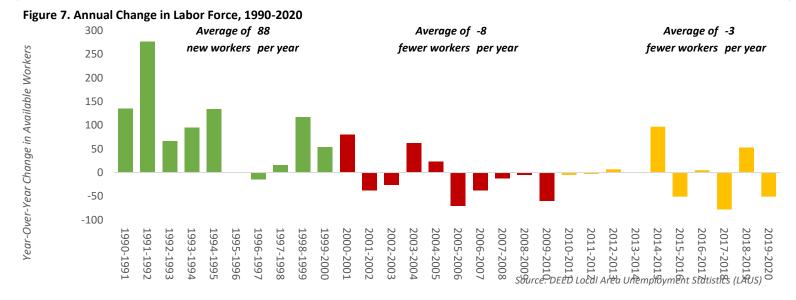
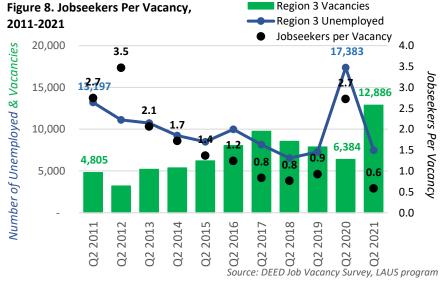


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2023-2033	2023	2033		
16 to 24 years	242	256		
25 to 54 years	1,526	1,648		
55 to 64 years	487	382		
65 years & over	302	283		
Total Labor Force	2,557	2,570		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



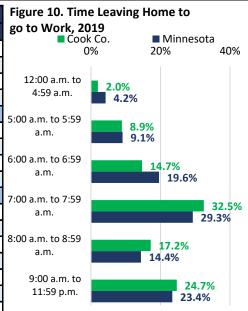
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Cook Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Cook Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

		Cook Co.		Minne	esota	Cook Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	2,696	57.8%	2.3%	69.7%	3.6%	1,424	1,273
16 to 19 years	63	38.0%	15.9%	53.2%	11.0%	51	12
20 to 24 years	199	92.1%	0.5%	84.6%	6.0%	133	66
25 to 44 years	1,001	87.6%	2.2%	88.8%	3.2%	494	507
45 to 54 years	567	86.4%	1.9%	87.6%	2.7%	279	288
55 to 64 years	613	60.3%	2.8%	73.0%	2.8%	331	282
65 to 74 years	200	21.0%	1.0%	27.9%	2.2%	101	99
75 years & over	54	10.5%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	35	19
Employment Characteristics by Race & H	lispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	2,337	57.0%	2.0%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	-
Black or African American	3	75.0%	0.0%	71.3%	8.8%	,	
American Indian & Alaska Native	244	67.2%	1.2%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	58.0%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		\
Some Other Race	29	67.4%	27.6%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	55	52.9%	9.1%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	41	56.2%	19.5%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabilit	у						
With Any Disability	133	43.3%	4.5%	53.0%	8.6%		86
Employment Characteristics by Education	nal Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,182	77.5%	2.3%	84.5%	3.0%	White al	one
Less than H.S. Diploma	55	61.1%	2.5%	66.3%	4.2%	Black or	African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	565	79.0%	6.8%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska
Some College or Assoc. Degree	793	79.3%	2.8%	85.3%	3.0%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	768	76.0%	1.7%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Ot	her Race

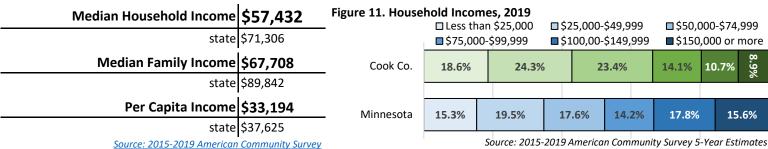
A larger percentage of workers in Cook Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Cook Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Cook (Co.	Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	2,538	99.4%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	2,459	96.3%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	79	3.1%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	15	0.6%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	1,968	77.1%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	18	0.7%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	360	14.1%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	204	8.0%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	1,121	43.9%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	692	27.1%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	286	11.2%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	360	14.1%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	43	1.7%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	49	1.9%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	14.4	minutes	23.7	minutes



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cook Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cook Co. had the 73rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Cook Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.1 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$13.74 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
	COSt Of Living	Required	Cilia Care	roou	Care	Tiousing	portation	Other	Taxes
Cook Co.	\$27,242	\$13.10	\$0	\$347	\$163	\$615	\$592	\$263	\$290
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	Food	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Cook Co.	\$42,859	\$13.74	\$203	\$793	\$519	\$723	\$679	\$415	\$240
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Cook Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 6th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Cook Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Cook (Cook Co.		
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	2,069	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	69	3.3%	4.6%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90	4.3%	7.8%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	171	8.3%	12.3%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	395	19.1%	17.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	612	29.6%	28.1%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	501	24.2%	21.5%	
\$500,000 or more	231	11.2%	7.9%	
Median (dollars)	\$240,1	.00	\$223,900	

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Cook Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 19.6% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 29.0% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 21.1% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 16.0% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 10.3% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,412

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Percentage of Income, 2019

mortgage

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

19.6%

5.0%

18.7%

12.3%

rent

17.8%

state 21.8%

Median monthly rent costs \$651

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 45.1%

Less than 20%25.0% to 29.9%35% or more

ore 24.7%

20% to 24.9%30.0% to 34.9%

32.7%

37.2%

17.4%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$20.49 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.59) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.76) (see Table 11).

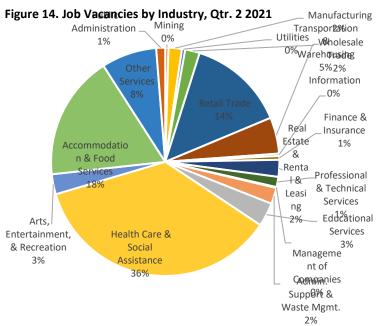
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021							
		Regio	n 3	State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$20.49	132,720	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%
Management	\$41.59	6,390	4.8%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.19	5,690	4.3%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.80	1,810	1.4%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$36.20	2,370	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.15	1,510	1.1%	1.2	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$21.66	4,520	3.4%	1.7	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$32.93	560	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.73	7,590	5.7%	1.0	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.85	1,350	1.0%	0.8	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.03	11,580	8.7%	1.3	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.08	9,870	7.4%	1.3	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$25.78	3,040	2.3%	1.5	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.76	11,760	8.9%	1.2	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.16	4,280	3.2%	1.2	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$14.79	2,620	2.0%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$14.34	12,400	9.3%	1.0	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.01	15,820	11.9%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.44	280	0.2%	1.4	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.17	7,150	5.4%	1.4	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.99	6,880	5.2%	1.4	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$20.45	6,780	5.1%	0.7	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.32	8,440	6.4%	0.8	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12886 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,886	\$14.20				
Management	243	\$24.72				
Business & Financial Operations	348	\$20.14				
Computer & Mathematical	207					
Architecture & Engineering	114	\$32.05				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	78	\$24.72				
Community & Social Service	642	\$19.70				
Education, Training & Library	449	\$25.32				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,292	\$24.30				
Healthcare Support	2,195	\$12.99				
Protective Service	71	\$13.81				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,521	\$10.97				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	565	\$12.85				
Personal Care & Service	303	\$13.25				
Sales & Related	1,284	\$12.51				
Office & Administrative Support	695	\$14.02				
Construction & Extraction	172	\$17.68				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	249	\$19.01				
Production	238	\$14.01				
Transportation & Material Moving	705	\$15.63				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Occupations in Demand, 2020						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Nurse Practitioners			
\$25,240	\$33,249	\$66,583	\$117,194			
Home Health and Personal	Automotive Service Technicians and	Forest and Conservation	Elementary School Teachers,			
Care Aides \$27,244	Mechanics \$45,930	Technicians \$50,158	Except Special Education \$72,265			
First-Line Supervisors of	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Computer Network Support	Child, Family, and School Social			
Retail Sales Workers \$38,482	Nurses \$45,331	Specialists \$63,488	Workers \$53,625			
Pharmacy Technicians	Electricians	Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	Pharmacists			
\$36,308	\$70,602	\$49,180	\$145,283			
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Medical Assistants	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Foresters			
\$28,945	\$41,349	\$36,328	\$64,293			
Operating Engineers and Other Construction	Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and	Surgical Technologists	General Internal Medicine Physicians			
\$63,769	\$78,372	\$57,416	NA NA			
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists			
\$28,573 Customer Service Representatives	\$95,333 Dental Assistants	\$69,548 Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including	\$87,008 Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$34,760	\$48,543	\$52,184	\$32,249			
Construction Laborers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Calibration Technologists and Technicians and Engineering	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists			
\$41,749	\$69,061	\$57,832	\$59,122			
Pharmacy Aides	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Training and Development Managers			
\$26,517	\$58,102	\$61,935	\$109,221			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 1.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028			
Total, All Industries	160,443	162,980	1.6%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,596	5,700	1.9%			
Utilities	1,433	1,405	-2.0%			
Construction	6,363	7,145	12.3%			
Manufacturing	8,748	8,024	-8.3%			
Wholesale Trade	3,275	3,208	-2.0%			
Retail Trade	17,469	16,467	-5.7%			
Transportation & Warehousing	4,914	4,991	1.6%			
Information	1,406	1,240	-11.8%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,178	6,059	-1.9%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,184	5,407	4.3%			
Administrative & Waste Services	3,282	3,594	9.5%			
Educational Services	12,797	12,763	-0.3%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,615	37,375	11.2%			
Leisure & Hospitality	18,503	18,451	-0.3%			
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	6,932	6,692	-3.5%			
Public Administration	15,345	15,329	-0.1%			

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028

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Management	274	2,738		
Business & Financial	157	1,582		
Computer & Mathematical	163	I 360		
Architecture & Engineering	87	594		
Life, Physical, & Social	91	356		
Community & Social Service	611	2,059		
Legal	-29	156		
Education, Training, & Library	159	3,966		
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-138	861		
Healthcare Practitioners &	699	3,1 94		
Healthcare Support	718	3,545		
Protective Service	-29	1 ,312		
Food Preparation & Serving	205	10,190		
Building, Grounds Cleaning	17	3,85 6		
Personal Care & Service	1,089			
Sales & Related		7 8,266		
Office & Administrative	1,150	10,558		
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	-130	349		
Construction & Extraction	606	2, 584		
Installation, Maintenance,	185	2, 378		
Production	-481	2,9 62		
Transportation & Material	120	3,85 5		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Cook Co. had the 75th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cook Co. was the 86th fastest growing in the past year and the 86th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Cook Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

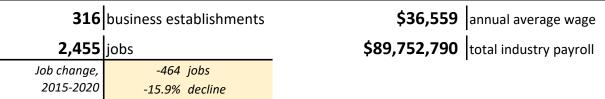


Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

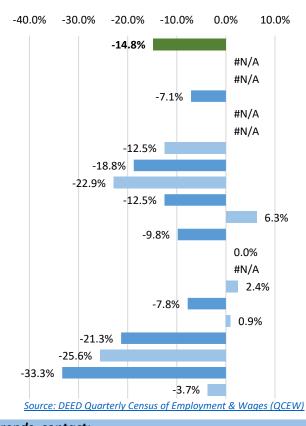


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Cook Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,455	100.0%	\$36,559
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Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	152	6.2%	\$31,976
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	46	1.9%	\$20,676
Retail Trade	299	12.2%	\$26,047
Transportation & Warehousing	27	1.1%	\$20,171
Information	21	0.9%	\$34,735
Finance & Insurance	34	1.4%	\$48,587
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	46	1.9%	\$27,751
Professional & Technical Services	14	0.6%	\$23,321
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	42	1.7%	\$32,408
Educational Services	166	6.8%	\$41,505
Health Care & Social Assistance	218	8.9%	\$54,158
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	199	8.1%	\$29,454
Accommodation & Food Services	688	28.0%	\$24,788
Other Services	28	1.1%	\$19,795
Public Administration	394	16.0%	\$53,442

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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